

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE BILL ANALYSIS

AMENDMENT DATE: Original
POSITION: Oppose
SPONSOR: American College of Emergency Physicians

BILL NUMBER: AB 2248
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RELATED BILLS: SB 1368 (Senate Health Committee)

BILL SUMMARY: Emergency Medical Care

This bill would require counties with an Emergency Medical Services Fund (Maddy Fund) to include in their annual report to the Legislature a description of each disbursement for "other emergency medical services (EMS)," if funds were disbursed for this purpose.

This bill would increase the duties of local officials and would create a state-mandated local program.

FISCAL SUMMARY

There would be no additional fiscal impact on the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) because it does not manage the reports or the activities of the Maddy Fund. However, EMSA estimates this bill would create additional state-mandated responsibility for the local agencies resulting in approximately \$55,600 annually in local assistance reimbursements, which would place additional pressure on the General Fund.

A related bill, SB 1368 (Senate Health Committee) would require EMSA to collect and aggregate the local Maddy Fund reports for the Legislature. If SB 1368 is chaptered, it would impose additional workload for EMSA. The fiscal impact of this increased workload has not yet been estimated.

COMMENTS

Although this bill would provide improved transparency into the expenditure of Maddy Funds, the Department of Finance is opposed to this bill because it would create a state-mandated local program, which would put additional cost pressure on the General Fund.

Maddy Funds are used to compensate emergency medical service providers for emergency services provided to patients who do not have health insurance and cannot pay for medical care. These funds receive revenue from a variety of sources including penalties on certain criminal offenses, vehicle violations, and Proposition 99 tobacco tax revenues. Approximately 50 counties have established Maddy Funds. Existing law requires counties with Maddy Funds to annually report specified information to the legislature including deposits into the fund, disbursements, and a status on the administration of the fund.

Code/Department Agency or Revenue Type	SO	(Fiscal Impact by Fiscal Year)							
	LA	(Dollars in Thousands)							
	CO	PROP							Fund
	RV	98	FC	2009-2010	FC	2010-2011	FC	2011-2012	Code
4120/Emer Med Svc	LA	No	----- See Fiscal Summary -----						0001

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